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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE SINGERS AND DANCERS VISIT VIENTIANE

1. LAO MINISTRY OF PROPAGANDA, INFORMATION, CULTURE AND TOURISM, OCTOBER 12, INVITED DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO A PERFORMANCE BY SIXTY MEMBERS OF THE "PEOPLE'S ARTSITC ENSEMBLE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM" LED BY NONG QUOC TRAN, VICE MINISTER OF CULTURE OF THE SRV.

2. SINCE THIS WAS IN EFFECT AN OFFICIAL FUNCTION IN HONOR OF A VIETNAMESE VICE MINISTER, NOBODY FROM THIS EMBASSY ATTENDED.

3. A NON-COMMUNIST EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE OF AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION WHO DID ATTEND TOLD ME HE WAS STRUCK BY THE ESSENTIALLY VIETNAMESE NATURE OF THE PROGRAM BEING PRESENTED ON THE OLD LAO INDEPENDENCE DAY WHICH WAS STILL PARTIALLY OBSERVED THIS YEAR. (ONLY ONE LAO NUMBER WAS PLAYED.) HE WAS ALSO STRUCK BY THE PROPRIETORIAL ATTITUDE OF VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR NGO DINH LIEM (NHO DINH LIEM) WHO SAT WITH THE LAO GOVERNMENT

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RATHER THAN WITH THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

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